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AMENDMENT

Honorable Sir:

Reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

REMARKS

The Examiner rejected Claims 39-68 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, stating that electrical excitation zoned treated beads (as well as the adhesive coated beads being bound to each other) were critical or essential to the practice of the invention, but were not included in such claims. This rejection is respectfully traversed. Although the specification describes the use of electrical excitation zone